

**BLUER Committee Meeting**  
**April 13, 2007**  
**Minutes**

The meeting began at 1 pm with Dianne Herrin, Martin Indars, Tim Lutz, and Courtney Marm attending; David Ward was not able to attend.

We welcomed visitors:

John Butler, Marple Twp, Delaware Co., commissioner  
Jackson Denton, Westtown School  
John Post, Sierra Club member/resident  
Scott Smith, WC Borough Council

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Visitors commented on the requirements of municipal data collection. John Butler is trying to use DVRPC to coordinate regional efforts to follow the ICLEI program.

Step It Up '07:

Dianne presented an update on the Tree Walk for John Turgeon, who was unable to attend.

Tim distributed a hand-out on carbon storage to be used at the event and he will be BLUER's representative at the StepItUp tree walk. Dianne will attend the Interfaith Rally.

Follow-Up on Action Items:

- Martin reported that he had not yet investigated how to develop web links to outside sites from the Borough's web page. **Action item:** Martin will follow up on this item.
- Martin completed BLUER's introductory letter and emailed it to his email list. It will be hand-carried or the Borough will mail to non-email users. **Action item:** Martin will determine how to provide the entire committee with the email distribution list and will email us the letter, too.
- Tim reported that he downloaded the inventory software from ICLEI. **Action item:** Dianne will consult with Ernie McNeely to determine how to download the program onto a Borough computer.
- **Action item:** Martin will draft a memo to Carolyn Comitta regarding funding from Governor Rendell.

Green Architecture:

- Martin and Courtney handed out a draft BLUER Position Paper on green architecture which included handouts on examples of how local governments use LEED. **Action item:** Dianne to modify slightly and submit to Borough Council.
- John Butler brought the Energy Star certification program to the committee's attention and told us about Marple Twp's rebate (up to \$400) on building permit for projects that receive Energy Star certification. No one has taken advantage of this incentive.
- **Action item:** Martin & Courtney will continue to refine and develop our recommendation and will have a draft proposal for Council at the June meeting.

#### Discussion of Plan for 4/26 Meeting (All):

The group agreed to postpone this meeting with Carolyn until we have a concrete recommendation for Council. **Action Item:** Dianne will communicate this to Carolyn and determine the best way to proceed in light of PZBID's current plan to proceed with its conditional use provisions.

#### FAQs:

A review of the draft was postponed until next meeting.

#### Data Collection:

- Tim and Dianne said that new data had come in from Exelon on residential electric usage but that it was still not clear that the data covered all the Borough and only the Borough. **Action item:** Dianne will get clarification from Exelon.
- Tim asked for input on remaining data needs and for volunteers.
- **Action item:** Dianne will pursue information about residential heating oil consumption.
- **Action item:** Dianne will inquire about waste disposal data for the Borough
- **Action item:** Tim will gather information on vehicles used in the Borough with the help of his students. This may be used in conjunction with traffic data to be provided by David.
- Nancy Fromnick and Megan Fogarty were identified as sources of information on waste generation and recycling. **Action item:** Dianne to contact Nancy and Megan.

#### Education and Outreach:

Dianne opened discussion on exploratory meetings with key stakeholders such as local developers, BID, and landlords. We agreed that a two-way exchange of information and viewpoints would be beneficial and that we need to develop grassroots support. **Action item:** Martin and Courtney will create a full contact list for this purpose and will identify key meeting dates/times of stakeholder groups we wish to target so we can ask to present to them this summer.

Dianne reported on awards programs to recognize businesses that take steps to reduce emissions. **Action item:** Dianne to draft BLUER Awards Program for the Committee's review.

#### Other Business

- BLUER will update the PREP Committee in June or July.
- Scott and Dianne are reporting to the Chester County Planning Commission on BLUER.

**NEXT BLUER COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 4, 1-3 PM**